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Settlement Reached With ASE Contracting

CYPRESS – “Hazardous waste transporters must be in compliance - registered, insured and trained - in order to protect human health and safety,” said Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Maureen Gorsen as she announced a settlement with ASE Contracting, Inc., which will correct violations revealed during a November 14, 2005 inspection. “If we are to protect the public from the dangers associated with movement of hazardous waste in California communities, we must ensure that transporters comply with state laws,” Gorsen added.

The inspection, conducted at 1985 Friendship Drive in El Cajon, revealed that ASE:

- Failed to renew its hazardous waste transporter registration for three consecutive years.
- Failed to maintain the financial ability to respond to damages resulting from the operation of the facility during 2003 to 2005.
- Failed to have appropriate insurance for pollution coverage.

Under the terms of the Consent Order, ASE must correct all violations listed and pay a penalty of \$22,380, of which \$21,041 is an administrative penalty and \$1,339 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control’s mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.